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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Study of Damage Assessment Procedures [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] discussed this study of damage assessment procedures with [REDACTED] of the DCI Security Committee on 15 March 1978. [REDACTED] has been hired as an independent contractor by the Center for Intelligence Studies of CIA/OTR to examine Intelligence Community methodology and procedures for damage assessments, on the basis of actual cases of compromise, and to make appropriate recommendations.)

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2. [REDACTED] said he was focusing his study on [REDACTED] cases occurring since 1 January 1962 that he had identified through various sources. He discussed the degree and extent of cooperation he was getting from various Community agencies (excellent from NSA, which had assigned a GS-15 level staffer to assist him full time; very good from DIA and the Services).

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3. [REDACTED] On the basis of [REDACTED] cases which he had reviewed in depth, [REDACTED] said he had reached these tentative conclusions:

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a. [REDACTED] An all too frequent practice in compromise cases is for the affected agencies initially to express strong concern about the extent of damage, followed some time later in the final damage assessment by no more than bland assertions that little or no damage was done.

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b. [REDACTED] Gaps in records and in personal recollections strongly suggest that some compromises were never briefed to agencies outside the one in which they occurred, even though other agency interests may have been involved.

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c. [REDACTED] There do not appear to be adequate procedures to ensure that the lessons learned from damage assessments are in fact applied.

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d. [REDACTED] It is important to provide early and timely advice to all concerned agencies on each significant item

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of compromised data, and not wait until the whole case is completed and not withhold such advice on the grounds that a case is sub judice.

4. [REDACTED] said he needed to get a better understanding of how the Security Committee was involved in the damage assessment process. He proposed to visit us again with a list of specific cases to try to determine which of them we had been involved in, and the extent thereof. [REDACTED] agreed to this, and 0930 21 March 1978 was set for the visit.

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